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July 16,1930

Mr.Sawyer M. Mosser
177 South Main Street
Chambersburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In talking with Professor Weber of Princeton, recently, I mentioned that we were looking for a library assistant in this Museum, and he suggested that I write to you. Our library is not a large one, nor is the work extremely difficult, and library training, although desirable, is not indispensable. The initial stipend is only $1500. yearly, but if we can find someone whose work warrants it, and increase within a reasonable period would follow. I am sorry that it was not possible to connect with you before you left for the summer, and I do not feel that it would be advisable for you to come to New York merely for the sake of an interview. Possibly you may not even care to consider the situation laid before you herein. If, however, this is not the case and you could give me some further information as to your previous engagements, and ask for such further information as might seem of interest to you, I shall be glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary & Librarian.

177 South Main Street
Chambersburg, Pa.
July 17, 1930

Mr. Sydney P. Noe
Secretary
The American Numismatic Society
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter relative to the position of library assistant for which you are seeking an occupant. I am looking for a position and appreciate your writing to me. Since vacancies are scarce at present I am interested in any opportunity which might present itself.

In regard to my previous engagements, I have had but one, as high school teacher of Latin and History in a rural high school in 1928-1929 at Shunk, Pa. Previous to that I was a student at Gettysburg College, from which school I was graduated in 1927 with the A. B. degree, having specialized there in Classics. During the past academic year I was engaged in graduate study in the Department of Classics at Princeton University. I received my Master of Arts degree there on June 17. While I should liked to have continued my graduate study during the coming year, I am not financially able to do so. I have had no library training. However, I believe I should be interested in the work and am confident in my ability to learn it.

There are several questions I should like to ask concerning the position. Is it a nine or a twelve month position? If it is the latter, a twelve month position, would the reasonable period for an increase in salary, if the quality of work done warranted one, be after the first year or would it be a matter of months? And finally, I should like to know whether there would be an opportunity for me to continue my graduate study by taking a course or two at Columbia or New York University while holding the position with you.

I shall be glad to hear from you soon again and will be pleased to supply any further information about myself which you might desire.

Very truly yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser.

July 23, 1930

Mr. Sawyer M. Mosser
177 South Main Street
Chambersburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mosser:

Your letter of July 17th has been very carefully considered since its receipt, and judging solely from what little it is possible for you to communicate in this way, I do not feel that you are the man for whom we are looking. This conclusion might be modified if I could have a talk with you, but it is based more upon the absence of any considerable experience either as a librarian or in any field connected with ours. I should not like to ask you to go to the expense of a trip here under the circumstances, but if your vacation should bring you this way, or if in the fall you should be in or pass through New York, I should be glad to have you communicate with me and make an appointment. I hope you will feel that this attitude is entirely due to our peculiar requirements. It seems to me we should try to find someone whose preparation more nearly meets our need.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

177 South Main Street
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
July 28, 1930

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
The American Numismatic Society
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I have received your letter of July 23 and am sorry that you do not feel that I could qualify for your position. Realizing the limitations of correspondence, I wish that you might talk with me personally. I have an opportunity to accompany an acquaintance who is motoring to New York on August 3. Would it be possible for me to make an appointment to see you on August 4 or August 5?

Very truly yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser.

July 30,1930

Mr. Sawyer McA/ Mosser
177 South Main Street
Chambersburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mosser:

Responding to your note of July 28th, I should be glad to talk with you on August 4th, at any time between ten and four-thirty o'clock. If you could lunch with me on that day it might be more convenient for you and pleasant for me.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Aug. 6, 1930.

Mr. S. M. Mosser,

Chambersburg, Penna.

Dear Mr. Mosser:-

Yesterday I had my expected talk with Mr. Newell, and in the light of what I was able to say to him regarding you and your qualifications for the post of Library Assistant, he authorised me to engage you to begin work with us on September 1st at $1500. per year. Our action will be submitted to the Council for its sanction at its first meeting of the season, but their approval will unquestionably be given. To aid in presenting the facts, however, I wish you would write to Prof. Johnson asking him for a letter regarding your work at Princeton. If he is away just now, the letter can come at any time - it is a mere formality, in any event - but I should like to have my presentation of your qualifications supported from such a source.

This noon I had a talk with the Misses McAllister, whom you will remember as the family with which I stayed before I married. They have at present two rooms available, and these they are glad to place at your disposal. One is a small room having two windows and a southern exposure; it is on the third floor, and along with breakfasts is available at $8.00 per week. The other room, a front one, is somewhat larger; it is also on the third floor, and the rental is $10.00 per week. I can assure you that both will be kept clean and that they will try to make you comfortable; compared with similar space elsewhere, I am sure you would have to pay more than here. As for the breakfasts, they leave nothing to be desired. The house address is 570 West 159th Street.

The book on Library procedure which I was unable to locate when you were here is 'Catalog Rules, Author and Title Entries, compiled by Committees of the Am. Libr. Association, etc., American Edition, 1908'. You should find this or a later edition in your home town library, I feel sure.

I am very glad indeed that you did come to New York, and hope that your visit seemed worth while to you. I am confident that you are going to be able to measure up to our needs, and I hope that you will find the work as interesting as I have. Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

177 South Main Street
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
August 8, 1930

Mr. Sydney P. Noe
American Numismatic Society
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I am pleased to hear that it has been decided to engage me as the Library Assistant. On my return trip home, I stopped in Princeton to call upon Prof. Johnson but found that he is vacationing in Nova Scotia. I shall get into communication with him before I arrive in New York and see that he sends you a letter in due time.

Thank you very much for inquiring concerning the room for me. I believe that I should like the $8.00 room, for the present time. Ought I to write to the Misses McAllister to hold the room for me?

This morning I called at the Coyle Free Library here and found that they do not have a copy of the A. L. A. Catalog Rules. It may be that I can secure a copy elsewhere. I expect to go to Gettysburg in several days to call upon Prof. Billheimer and shall try at the college library if it is open.

There are several questions concerning practical details which I neglected to ask you on Monday. Would you tell me at what intervals I would receive my pay; weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly? This is important for me to know in making my preparations to come since I know that living in New York is on a cash and not credit basis. I should like also to know what time you open in the morning, so as to be there on time on September 2.

Very sincerely yours,

Sawyer McA. Moore.

Aug. 11, 1930

Mr. Sawyer McA. Mosser
177 South Main Street
Chambersburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mosser:

Your letter of the 8th is at hand. I have informed the Misses McAllister that you will want the eight-dollar room, but I think it would be well for you to write to them yourself. Their address is 570 West 159th Street.

Concerning your salary that will be paid you weekly. We open in the morning at nine o'clock.

I note that you expect to hear from Professor Johnson later and that is entirely satisfactory. If there are any questions with which I can help you, please feel that I shall be glad to have you call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

To the Secretary of

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Dear Sir:

Please propose my name as an Associate of the American Numismatic Society. Upon notification of my election, I will send my check for the dues for the current year.

Yours truly,

NAME Sawyer McA. Mosser

ADDRESS 570 W. 159th St., New York City.

Note: The annual dues are five dollars. Provision is made for enrollment as an Associate for life, upon election or subsequently, by a single payment of [redacted] $100.00

PROPOSED BY: Sydney P. Noe